WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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      1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing setting information

including at least a size of a substitute recording

medium; and

10   processing means for executing a print instruction

by automatically changing a size of a recording medium

to be used to the size of the substitute recording

medium based on the setting information stored in said

storage means, when the size of the recording medium

15 specified by the print instruction is not available.

20   2. The image forming apparatus as claimed in

claim 1, wherein said setting information includes

whether or not a zoom is required when printing

information, and/or a printing position on the recording

medium.

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3. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

means for storing the setting information in said storage means in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

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10   4. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

means for notifying to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when corresponding setting information is not stored in said storage means, together with information indicating an available size of the recording medium, so as to request the setting instruction.

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5. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

setting means for setting and storing the setting

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information in said storage means.

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6.   The image forming apparatus as claimed in
claim 1, wherein said setting information is stored in
said storage means in the form of a table.

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7.   The image forming apparatus as claimed in
claim 1, wherein said processing means invalidates the
15   setting information with respect to second and
subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical
size during one print job.

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8.   The image forming apparatus as claimed in
claim 1, wherein said processing means invalidates the
setting information with respect to corresponding pages
25   of second and subsequent volumes during one print job

when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or
sorting operation.

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      9.   The image forming apparatus as claimed in
claim 1, wherein said setting information is stored in
said storage means with respect to each user.

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      10.   An image forming method comprising:

15   a reading step reading setting information which
includes at least a size of a substitute recording
medium from storage means; and

      a processing step executing a print instruction by
automatically changing a size of a recording medium to

20 be used to the size of the substitute recording medium
based on the setting information stored in said storage
means, when the size of the recording medium specified
by the print instruction is not available.

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11. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information includes whether or not a zoom is required when printing information, and/or a printing position on the recording

5 medium.

10 12. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

a registering step storing the setting information in said storage means in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

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13. The image forming method as claimed in

20 claim 12, further comprising:

a step notifying to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when corresponding setting information is not stored in said storage means,

25 together with information indicating an available size

of the recording medium, so as to request the setting instruction.

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14. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

a setting step setting and storing the setting

10 information in said storage means.

15 15. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information is stored in said storage means in the form of a table.

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16. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said processing step invalidates the setting information with respect to second and

25 subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical

size during one print job.

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          17.   The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said processing step invalidates the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job

10 when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

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          18.   The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information is stored in said storage means with respect to each user.

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          19.   A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to

25 print information on a recording medium in response to a

print instruction, said computer program comprising:

a reading procedure causing the computer to read setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from storage means; and

5   a processing procedure causing the computer to execute a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means, when the size

10   of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

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20.   A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program comprising:

20   a registering procedure causing the computer to register setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium to be used when a size of a recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

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21. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 20, wherein the computer program is with respect to one of a computer within a host unit which outputs the print instruction with respect to an image forming apparatus and a computer within the image forming apparatus which prints the information on the recording medium.